Goex Powder, Inc.

Material Safety Data Sheet

MSDS-BP (Potassium Nitrate)

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PRODUCT INFORMATION	
Product Name	Black Powder
Trade Names and Synonyms	N/A
Manufacturer/Distributor	GOEX Powder, Inc.(DOYLINE, LA) & various international sources
Transportation Emergency	800-255-3924 (24 hrs – CHEM TEL)

PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS IN THE USE OF EXPLOSIVES

The prevention of accidents in the use of explosives is a result of careful planning and observance of the best known practices. The explosives user must remember that he is dealing with a powerful force and that various devices and methods have been developed to assist him in directing this force. He should realize that this force, if misdirected, may either kill or injure both him and his fellow workers.

WARNING

All explosives are dangerous and must be carefully transported, handled, stored, and used following proper safety procedures either by or under the direction of competent, experienced persons in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations, or ordinances. ALWAYS lock up explosive materials and keep away from children and unauthorized persons. If you have any questions or doubts as to how to use any explosive product, DO NOT USE IT before consulting with your supervisor, or the manufacturer, if you do not have a supervisor. If your supervisor has any questions or doubts, he should consult the manufacturer before use.

HAZARDOUS COMPONENTS				
Material or Components	%	CAS NO.	TLV	PEL
Potassium nitrate	70-76	007757-79-1	NE	NE
Charcoal	8-18	N/A	NE	NE
Sulfur	9-20	007704-34-9	NE	NE
Graphite[1]	Trace	007782-42-5	15 mppct (TWA)	2.5 mg/m³
N/A = Not assigned NE = Not established				

[1] Not contained in all grades of black powder.

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PHYSICAL DATA	
Boiling Point	N/A
Vapor Pressure	N/A
Vapor Density	N/A
Solubility in Water	Good
Specific Gravity	1.70 – 1.82 (mercury method) 1.92 – 2.08 (pycnometer)
PH	6.0 – 8.0
Evaporation Rate	N/A
Appearance and Odor	Black granular powder. No odor detectable.

HAZARDOUS REACTIVITY	
Instability	Keep away from heat, sparks, and open flames. Avoid impact, friction and static electricity.
Incompatibility	When dry, black powder is compatible with most metals; however, it is hygroscopic and when wet, attacks all common metals except stainless steel. Black powder must be tested for compatibility with any material not specified in the production/procurement package with which they may come in contact. Materials include other explosives, solvents, adhesives, metals, plastics, paints, cleaning compounds, floor and table coverings, packing materials, and other similar materials, situations, and equipment.
Hazardous decomposition	Detonation produces hazardous overpressures and fragments (if confined). Gases produced may be toxic if exposed in areas with inadequate ventilation.
Polymerization	Polymerization will not occur.

FIRE AND EXPLOSION DATA	
Flashpoint	Not applicable
Auto Ignition Temperature	Approx. Range: 392°F-867°F / 200°C-464°C
Explosive temperature (5 sec)	Ignites @ approx. 427°C (801°F)
Extinguishing media	Water
Special fire fighting procedures	ALL EXPLOSIVES: DO NOT FIGHT EXPLOSIVES FIRES. Try to keep fire from reaching explosives. Isolate area. Guard against intruders. Division 1.1 Explosives (heavily encased): Evacuate the area for 5,000 feet (approximately 1 mile) if explosives are heavily encased. Division 1.1 Explosives (not heavily encased): Evacuate the area for 2,500 feet (approximately ½ mile) if explosives are not heavily encased. Division 1.1 Explosives (all): Consult U.S. DOT Emergency Response Guide 112 for further details.

Unusual fire and explosion hazards	Black powder is a deflagrating explosive. It is very sensitive to flame and spark and can also be ignited by friction and impact. When ignited unconfined, it burns with explosive violence and will explode if ignited under even slight confinement.

HEALTH HAZARDS	
General	Black powder is a Division 1.1 Explosive, and detonation may cause severe physical injury, including death. All explosives are dangerous and must be handled carefully and used following approved safety procedures under the direction of competent, experienced persons in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulation and ordinances.
Carcinogenicity	None of the components of Black Powder are listed as a carcinogen by NTP, IARC, or OSHA.

FIRST AID	
Inhalation	Not a likely route of exposure. If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing give artificial respiration, preferably by mouth-to-mouth. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Seek prompt medical attention. Avoid when possible.
Eye and skin contact	Not a likely route of exposure. Flush eyes with water. Wash skin with soap and water.
Ingestion	Not a likely route of exposure. If ingested, dilute by giving two glasses of water and induce vomiting. Avoid when possible.
Injury from detonation	Seek prompt medical attention.

SPILL OR LEAK PROCEDURES	
Spill/leak response	Use appropriate personal protective equipment. Isolate area and remove sources of friction, impact, heat, low level electrical current, electrostatic or RF energy. Only competent, experienced persons should be involved in clean up procedures. Carefully pick up spills with non-sparking and non-static producing tools.
Waste disposal	Desensitize by diluting in water. Open train burning, by qualified personnel, may be used for disposal of small unconfined quantities. Dispose of in compliance with Federal Regulations under the authority of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (40 CFR Parts 260-271).

SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION	
Ventilation	Use only with adequate ventilation. (If required)
Respiratory	None
Eye	None
Gloves	Impervious rubber gloves. (If required)
Other	Metal-free and/non-static producing clothes

SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS
• Keep away from friction, impact, and heat and open flame. Do not consume food, drink, or tobacco in areas where they may become contaminated with these materials. • Contaminated equipment must be thoroughly water cleaned before attempting repairs. • Use only non-spark producing tools. • No smoking.

STORAGE CONDITIONS
Store in a cool, dry place in accordance with the requirements of Subpart K, ATF: Explosives Law and Regulations (27 CFR 55.201-55.219).

SHIPPING INFORMATION		
Proper shipping name	Black Powder	
Hazard class	1.1D	
UN Number	UN0027	
DOT Label & Placard	DOT Label	EXPLOSIVES 1.1D
	DOT Placard	EXPLOSIVES 1.1
Alternate shipping	Limited quantities of GOEX black powder (1# cans only) may be transported as "Black powder for small arms – flammable solid" pursuant to U.S. Department of Transportation 49 CFR.	

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BLACK POWDER

FRICTION TEST
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Steel – Snaps
Fiber – Unaffected

IMPACT TEST
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16 Inches (10% Point)

ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGE TEST

Bureau of Mines
0.8 Joules (Confined)
12.5 Joules Unconfined)

STABILITY

75° C International Heat Test – 0.31% Loss
Vacuum Stability – 0. 5cc @ 100° C

BRISANCE – Sand Test 8 gm.

VELOCITY

In the open, trains of black powder burn very slowly, measurable in seconds per foot. Confined, as in steel pipe, speeds of explosions have been timed at values from 560 feet per second for very coarse granulations to 2,070 feet per second for the finer granulations. Confinement and granulation will affect the values.

CHEMICAL DECOMPOSITION

Use water to dissolve the potassium nitrate. By leeching out the potassium nitrate, the residue of sulfur and charcoal is non-explosive but combustible when dry – dispose separately.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

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When dry, it is compatible with most metals. However, it is hydroscopic and when wet, attacks all common metals except stainless steel.

CAUTION: Explosives must be tested for compatibility with any material not specified in the production/procurement package with which they may come in contact. Materials include other explosives, solvents, adhesives, metals, plastics, paints, cleaning compounds, floor and table coverings, packing materials and other similar materials, situations and equipment. Explosives include propellants and pyrotechnics.